(b) the number of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes women and the handicapped selected under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise, in the State?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) The details of families assisted in Primary, Secondary and Tertiary Sectors and number of Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs), women and handicapped assisted under erstwhile Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP) in Himachal Pradesh during 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 60]

DWCRA scheme in Himachal Pradesh

2256. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of women of poor households selected and benefited under the Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas Scheme in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, district-wise and block-wise;

(b) the number of such women belonging to SC and ST communities; and

(c) the amount sanctioned and utilised for in Himachal Pradesh for this purpose during the last five years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDAR LAL PATWA): (a) and (b) District-wise number of beneficiaries under the scheme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas during the last three years, including the total number of SC and ST beneficiaries is enclosed as statement-I (*See*-below). However block-wise beneficiaries was not monitored at Govt. of India level.

(c) Year-wise amount sanctioned and utilized under the scheme Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) in Himachal Pradesh during the last five years is enclosed as statement-II.

Statement-I

District-wise number of beneficiaries under the Scheme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) in Himachal Pradesh during the last three years, including the total number of SC and ST beneficiaries.

	Himachal Pradesh	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
1	Bilaspur	90	379	381
2	Chamba	29	540	418
3	Hamirpur	324	302	315
4	Kangra	N.R.	304	336
5	Kinnur	153	96	1417
6	Kullu	N.R.	224	313

	Himachal Pradesh	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99
7	Lahaul & Spiti	75	119	108
8	Mandi	N.R.	515	555
9	Shimla	186	327	331
10	Sirmour	180	292	374
11	Solan	83	407	402
12	Una	211	219	246
	TOTAL			
	Beneficiaries	**1331**	**3724**	**5196**
	No. of SC beneficiaries	683	1671	2751
	No. of ST beneficiaries	12	391	779

*N.R.—Not Reported

Statement-II

Year-wise statement showing total allocation and utilisation of funds under the scheme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) in Himachal Pradesh for the last five years.

Rs. in lakhs

Year	Total Allocation	Amount Utilised
1994-95	36.94	24.25
1995-96	76.00	31.89
1996-97	76.00	29.29
1997-98	76.61	75.24
1998-99	77.11	72.61

Poor implementation of RD Scheme

2257. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Country's rural population is reeling under acute hardships;

(b) what are the ongoing Central schemes in rural areas of the Country;

(c) whether it is a fact that the desired level of rural development could not be achieved so far, because of poor implementation of these schemes; and